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The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ All that I promise is that I shall undertake to convey to the authorities concerned the feelings exhibited by hon. Members in this House and the statements made by them.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ May I know whether any particular community has got a right over another community to compel them to do menial work unlawfully ? ” (Laughter).

Irrigation.

Improvement of the Suriliar channels.

* 50 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) how far the proposals for improving the Suriliar channels have been worked out ; and
- (b) how far the spout system of irrigation recently introduced is progressing and whether it is really advantageous to the ryots ?

A.—(a) Estimates have been prepared.

(b) Reslueing is in progress and, together with the remodelling of the channels of which this forms a part, should be very beneficial to the ryots.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—“ With regard to clause (a) of the question, may I know how long it would take to give effect to the proposals ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ As I have already stated in the answer to clause (b), reslueing is in progress, and I do not think it ought to take more than three or four months.”

Repairs to the anicut, etc., at Periapalaiyam village, Erode taluk.

* 51 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the anicut of Periapalaiyam village, Erode taluk, Coimbatore district, was washed away by the floods several years ago and the same was left in a ruined condition without any repairs whatever ever since the time ;

(b) what has become of the mahazar submitted by the residents of Agharara Periapalaiyam village, Erode taluk, to the Coimbatore District Collector on 20th March 1924 requesting him to inspect the channel and the anicut ;

(c) whether it is a fact that owing to non-repairs of the channel and the anicut most of the lands lying near by were transferred from wet to dry except a few portions at the tail end of the channel ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the signatories to the mahazar are prepared to dig the ruined channel at their expense on condition that the Government undertake to rebuild the existing anicut across Nooyal (under ruins) ;

(e) if so, the difficulty in accepting the offer made by the signatories to the mahazar ; and

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(f) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a) to (e), whether the Government will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—Government have no information. A report has been called for.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“If the report is received, will the Government lay it on the table?”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“Yes.”

Police.

Duties of Circle Inspectors of Police.

* 52 Q.—**Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU** : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what are the duties of the Circle Inspectors of Police in this Presidency; and

(b) whether they do any investigation into crimes as part of their ordinary duties?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to Orders of the Madras Police, Volume I.

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—“Is there a book called ‘Orders of the Madras Police’, or is it the Police Manual?”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“The Madras Police Manual, Volume I, Executive Orders, 1917.”

Finance.

Excess expenditure during the last two years over grants sanctioned.

* 53 Q.—**Sriman BISWANATH DAS** Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cases in which excess expenditure over a grant or grants in each of the years of 1921-22 and 1923-24 was incurred;

(b) if there are any such cases, whether they related to Transferred or Reserved department and also to voted or non-voted items of expenditure; and

(c) whether subsequent sanction of the Legislature was obtained in any or all these cases?

A.—(a) & (b) Excess expenditure over the grants voted by the Legislative Council occurred in six cases in the year 1921-22, five of these relating to Reserved department and one to a Transferred department. As regards non-voted items of expenditure, excesses over the sanctioned allotments occurred under six major heads. Details of the above excesses will be found in the Appropriation Report on the accounts of this Presidency for 1921-22.

The Appropriation Report for the year 1923-24 has not yet been received by Government.